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Draft of Memorandum to be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Joint  
Committee on Atomic Energy, Congress of the United States, by Mr. Walter  
Pforzheimer, Legislative Counsel, CIA.

Dear Mr. Borden:

This will confirm our conversation on the subject of a report on  
the "Status of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program".

You will recall that at the time the report dated March 6, 1952,  
CIA/SI 118-51, was forwarded to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy,  
it was indicated that a further report would be delayed until probably  
late Fall of this year when additional data which should permit sub-  
stantial narrowing of the limits of uncertainty could be considered.

I am advised that some of the expected data has been received.  
A draft of a proposed report incorporating these data is undergoing  
preparation and consideration by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence  
Committee.

In view of the fact that all of the expected data have not been  
received, and probably will not be available until the beginning of  
1953, the report now being considered by the Joint Atomic Energy  
Intelligence Committee will be in the nature of an interim report  
covering the "Status of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program" to mid-1952.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Brien McMahon  
Chairman  
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
Congress of the United States  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman

The semi-annual report of the CIA on Soviet atomic development was considered yesterday at a meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee. As a result of that meeting the publication of the report has been delayed, and in all probability it will not be published until approximately 1 August.

In its present form the report contains additional comments or dissent by three of the agencies participating in the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee. If these differences were all in the same direction, they would be significant, but they are not. However, I believe that the areas of disagreement between the departments concerned might be narrowed by further meetings and study by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee.

While I know this delay may cause some inconvenience, I feel that it will result in a better paper which will be of greater value to you and to your Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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